



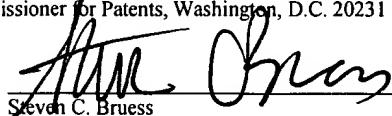
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hernandez et al. Examiner: Unknown  
Serial No.: 09/911,360 Group Art Unit: 2836  
Filed: July 23, 2001 Docket No.: 2316.1575US01  
Title: POWER DISTRIBUTION BUS WITH PROTECTION AND ALARMING

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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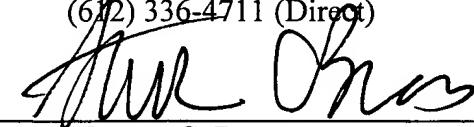
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 19, 2001, said period of response being extended from November 19, 2001 to December 19, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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